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THE CITY OF COLUMBUS
ANDREW J. GINTHER, MAYOR
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Aaron Heydinger, PE Gandee Heydinger Group 642 Brooksedge Blvd Westerville, OH 43081

RE: Stormwater Drainage Manual (SWDM) Type II Variance Request – 424 Jackson St.

Mr. Heydinger:

This letter is in response to the subject variance request to SWDM Section 2.3.2.2 Storm Sewer Hydraulic Requirements. Specifically, a deviation from the Storm Sewer Layout requirement for the minimum size of 12 inches for a private storm sewer in the public R/W is being sought.

The SWDM Variance Type II (Non Stream Protection) Request was submitted to the City on August 16, 2022. As part of the Variance review process, the subject Variance request was posted on the City website on August 22, 2022 to solicit public comments. No public comments were received by the published deadline.

The Variance Review Committee met and reviewed the subject Variance Request on September 14, 2022. The Variance Request was found to be in compliance with the SWDM Type II Non-Stream Protection Variance Application requirements. The applicant requested a variance from the SWDM design requirements as stated above due to substantial hardship to comply with the Section 2.3.2.2 SWDM requirement. Due to unforeseen field conditions and the elevation of the existing storm sewer to be connected to in the public R/W, compliance with the 12-inch minimum size for private storm sewers in the public R/W would result in substantial hardship for the applicant, requiring a costly existing utilities relocation, which would also significantly delay the project.

Upon reviewing and discussing the application and submitted by the applicant, the Variance Review Committee agreed with the applicant's argument that the adherence to the SWDM Section 2.3.2.2 storm sewer sizing requirement for this proposed development is impractical, costly and difficult.

In light of the above, the subject Variance Request (Preferred Alternative) is conditionally approved contingent upon the following stipulation:

Storm CC-Plans and Stormwater Management Report to be submitted and approved by the City

No approval contained herein relieves or absolves the applicant of any provisions of applicable state or federal laws. Please contact Plan Review/Stormwater & Regulatory Management Section Manager Greg Fedner, P.E. at gfedner@columbus.gov or by phone at 614-645-8072 with any questions.

Sincerely,

John G. Newsome, P.E., Administrator

Division of Sewerage and Drainage

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